



DANBY AREA NEWS

MARIMBA RECITAL

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

Gordon Stout, a virtuoso marimba soloist, will present a recital at the Danby Town Hall on Sunday, September 12, 3pm as part of the Danby Community Council's Concert Series.

Stout is a Professor of Percussion in the School of Music at Ithaca College. He has performed extensively throughout the world, and has been a featured marimba soloist at many Percussion Arts Society International Conventions. This is his second appearance in Danby. He will perform original compositions along with works in the standard marimba repertory.

The concert is free. The Danby Concert Series receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❁

TOWN BOARD TO MEET IN W.DANBY SPECIAL INFORMATION SESSION

The Danby Town Board has changed some details of its September meetings.

Due to Labor Day, rather than meeting on the first and second Mondays, it will meet on the second and third Mondays. The September 13 "agenda" meeting will be in the usual location, Danby Town Hall, at 7pm.

The September 20 "regular" meeting has been moved to the West Danby Fire Hall. It will be preceded by a information session at 6:30pm, to address questions about the proposed change of the Highway Superintendent's position from elected to appointed. In addition, the meeting will feature a short presentation by Mark Whitmore about the Emerald Ash Borer and other insects destructive to trees. These insects are coming, and are expected to cause widespread death of trees. This is meant to be an educational presentation for the public.

Town Board meetings are open to the public. ❁

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by June Pollack, Community Council

The Danby Community Council Scholarship Committee is solvent! Thanks to the generosity of folks who responded to our plea for some assistance, we can offer small scholarships this fall for young people who want to attend after school programs and need some support.

Please complete the application in this issue of the Danby News or call June at 607.273.4744. We are very pleased to be able to help. ❁

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UNDERSTANDING OUR WATER

Submitted by Kathy Halton

The U.S. Geological Survey has been studying Danby's aquifers, where our water comes from, since 2006. Todd Miller, a hydrologist who has been working on this study, has agreed to give Danby residents a presentation about our groundwater. He'll talk about the geologic origin of the aquifers, how they are replenished, and the quality of the water in them.

Since most of Danby residents get their water from wells, we need to understand how the water works underground, and what we can do to protect it.

Miller will speak in the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, on Wednesday, September 22 at 7pm. The public is invited. This presentation is sponsored by the Danby Gas Drilling Task Force. ❁

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Danby News Delivery
Ask your neighbor: "Did you get your
Danby Area News?" If they didn't,
we'd like to hear about it. Our goal is
"A newsletter in every mailbox."

This month, we've added newly-dis-
covered, not-on-a-rural-delivery-route
addresses on Curtis Road and Hill
Road.

We heard some of the usual com-
plaints about slow delivery by the
Spencer and Wilseyville post offices;
if you live out there and don't receive
your issue promptly, please contact
the postmaster.

TOWN OF DANBY WEB SITE

The Town of Danby has a web site,
[town.danby.ny.us]. If you have a
question about the Town, it's a great
place to start looking for answers. If
your answer isn't on the site, you will
find lots of contact information to
continue your search.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTIES

As the end of summer approaches, we
begin to hear about various neigh-
borhood-oriented get togethers.

August 28, Noontime, head on down
to West Danby for the WD Commu-
nity Association Picnic in the Hatch
Pavilion at the corner of Short and
Brown. Carol Sczepanski and Roy
Casterline will be honored for their
years of service to town residents.

August 29, 4pm, drop by Jennings
Pond for the Bald Hill Road Pie Bak-
ing Contest and party. Judging the
pies is almost as good as tasting them!
Stick around for the BBQ.

September 5, join Comfort, Bald Hill,
Gunderman, and Lieb Road folks at
Slow Lane, west of the corner of Com-
fort and Lieb Roads. Bring a dish-to-
pass, games to play, instruments to
jam with, and wear sturdy shoes to
explore the miles of field and forest
trails. For info, contact Ted or Pamela,
607.273.8678.



TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Getting Married. August, September, and October seem to be popular months for getting married. Perhaps it's a reflection of the natural generosity and abundance of the Finger Lakes at harvest time. Perhaps it's because graduations are over and families can get together. Perhaps it's because of the fine weather and Autumnal beauty of late summer and early fall. This year, there seems to be interest in getting married during *Ten Ten*, October 2010. Justice Garry Huddle has been kept quite busy this year.

One of the happier aspects of my job as Town Clerk is the issuance of marriage licenses. Summer, Fall, Winter, or Spring, any couple intending to wed in the State of New York can get their marriage license at the Clerk's office in Town Hall during its regular hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10am-5pm, and Saturdays, 10am-1pm. Here is some up to date information (from New York State Vital Statistics) regarding what the bride and groom will need.

A couple who intends to be married in New York State must apply in person for a marriage license to any Town or City Clerk in the state. The application must be signed by the bride and groom in the presence of the Town or City Clerk, but they don't need to do it at the same time. The Clerk can go to the couple if, for some reason, the bride or groom cannot make it to the Clerk's office.

At least two forms of identification are required: a photo I.D. and a birth certificate. A birth certificate is required from all applicants, regardless of age. The birth certificate not only assures identification but also provides the exact spelling of names, age, the exact date of birth of the applicants, and their parents' names. In addition, a previously-married applicant must provide information regarding all previous marriages (including when, where, and to whom the divorces were granted) and documentation of how the last marriage ended. This could be a certified copy of the Decree of Divorce or Certificate of Dissolution of Marriage.

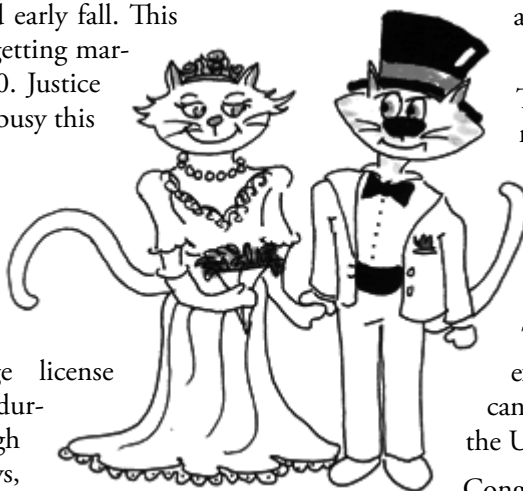
The couple has a range of surname options after they are wed. These options are explained on the back of the marriage license. In a nutshell, the couple can be known

by any name or segment of name previously known by the groom or bride. Joe Green and Mary Hood can keep those same names, they can be known as either Joe and Mary Green, Joe and Mary Hood, Green-Hood, Hood-Green, Greenhood, Hogren, Good, or any other combination you can think of...as long as the parts of the new name existed in the previous ones.

The marriage license is issued immediately, but there is a waiting period of 24 hours before the actual wedding ceremony may take place. A marriage license is valid for 60 days, beginning the day after the license was issued.

The solemnization period can be extended to 180 days if either applicant is a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty.

Congratulations to all the Grooms and best wishes to all the Brides. ❀



WD FIRE DEP'T CRAFT SHOW

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

The West Danby Fire Department's Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, October 23, 10am-2pm...with the chicken ready around Noon.

Any crafters interested in participating: spaces are \$10; contact Marrell Cortright [marrell1@aol.com] or 607.564.0020. ❀

OPEN HOUSE AT FIRE STATION

Submitted by JoAnne Oliver

The Danby Fire Station is holding an open house on Saturday, October 9, 9am-2pm, in observance of Fire Prevention Week (10/3-9). Plans for the day are still in development, but you can expect to be able to tour the station, see the fire trucks, obtain fire prevention and related safety information, and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors.

If you haven't had a chance to stop by and see the newly renovated fire station, please stop by. ❀

GAS DRILLING TASK FORCE

Submitted by Katherine Halton

We have an exciting speaker coming to Danby to speak about the aquifer study done on our water sources. Todd S. Miller, from the U.S. Geological Service has agreed to give a talk on September 22, 7PM in Town Hall entitled *Geohydrology of the Stratified-Drift Aquifer in the Upper Buttermilk and Danby Creek Valleys*.

In layman's terms, this means that he is going to talk about the aquifers, the sources of all our water here in Danby: where they are, what kind of aquifers they are, and how they are affected by rainfall and other run-offs. For those of us studying high-volume hydraulic fracturing for natural gas--and concerned about the possible negative effects of this process on our water--this is a really good place to begin to understand our aquifers. We are really pleased that he can come this fall and speak to us, and we hope everyone will attend this presentation.

The Task Force had about six members who were planning on speaking at the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's scoping hearings in August, but the hearing was cancelled, and will be rescheduled for September sometime.

At the NY State level, there was a vote in the Senate for an 11-month moratorium on hydrofracturing for natural gas in NYS. The Assembly will vote this fall and the Governor will also have to approve this bill. One of the advantages of this bill is that towns in Tompkins County can continue their work to protect roads, bridges, etc. against some of the negative impacts of drilling.

Danby has been in the forefront of this effort, passing stormwater legislation this past spring, and by passing a road excavation law this summer. The Town of Danby has contracted with Delta Engineering to have our Town roads assessed and to begin work on a road preservation law that would be a key tool to ensure that our roads are repaired after the intensive truck traffic of drilling begins, and also to make sure that the burden/cost of these repairs does not affect on our local taxpayers. Delta has contracts with other municipalities in the Southern Tier and beyond.

The Task Force will be meeting in on Wednesdays, September 8 and 22, at 7pm in Town Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you would like information about our work and meetings, contact me at 607.273.0533 or [khalton@twcny.rr.com]. ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY PARK

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

Many thanks to everyone who came to our August Yard Sales and helped us to raise funds for the park! We enjoyed meeting and chatting with some of our fellow Danbyites, and were very happy to have people coming into the park.

Work has progressed on the first 9 holes of a disc (Frisbee) golf course at the south end of the park and it will be ready for play this month. This is the first step in an exciting long-term project that we expect will result in even more people using the park. We hope to have an exhibition and demonstration to introduce people to this exciting sport, but as of press time it hasn't been scheduled.

Any park questions or concerns may be directed to me at 607.272.7189 or [janderty@yahoo.com]. ❁



BOARD SEEKS CAC MEMBERS

Submitted by Dan Klein, Councilperson

In June, the Town Board established a Conservation Advisory Council in Danby. The purpose of this group is to "...advise in the development, management, and protection of the Town's natural resources." This can take many different forms, including conducting research, coordinating other organizations with similar purposes, educating residents and legislators on conservation opportunities, and preparing management plans for municipally-owned land.

The Town Board is seeking members for this new group. Potential members must be Danby residents and have a demonstrated interest in preserving land in Danby. We are particularly interested in appointing people involved in agriculture, large landowners, and people known to advocate for natural resource protection. There is also an optional youth slot for someone 16 or 17 years old at the time of appointment.

If you're interested in joining the Conservation Advisory Council, submit something in writing to the Town Clerk, either to [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us] or via US Mail to 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Can it be September already? Fall is back-to-school time, with its clothes, shoes, and demanding bus schedules.

Life, you might say, is adjusting to new schedules.

Energy-related topics were on the Town's agenda during August. The Planning Board hosted a session where residents and others talked about their existing and potential projects involving biomass fuels, alcohol production, and pellet stoves.

The Town Board endorsed the idea of a wind power farm in Enfield.

In the August issue of the Danby News, I wrote about Tompkins County's pellet stove initiative, and several residents responded with interest. I'd like to hear from more of you, and to keep in touch with all of you about how this project is working out.

The ongoing project to install a multi-use furnace at the Highway Barn is exploring the use of hay bales as fuel, in addition to wood chips and other biomass. The fuel could be produced locally--from farms and other acreage that is part of the Danby Land Bank Coop--and delivered on demand, rather than requiring a storage structure at the Highway Barn.

It makes the project much more of a community affair.

Highway has also been a focus at the Town Board meeting during August, with a hearing on transitioning the Highway Superintendent's role from elected to appointed. The hearing was held Danby, but with the Board meeting in West Danby during September, additional residents will be able to give feedback on this--or any other issue that's on your mind.

A moratorium on gas drilling, imposed by the NY Legislature, has bought us some more time to consider possible effects of drilling on our community and to get our ducks in a row. A meeting with DELTA, the company handling our Road Use Agreements, will take place in late August.

Our ongoing local aquifer study will have its final test well drilled in August and, in September, the U.S. Geological Survey will present a public discussion of its work.

Progress is being made on our salt shed, with bids going out this month and construction happening later in the fall. The Town is planning on paying for this project with CHIPS funding, money that NY State gives back to the town for road-related issues, and from contingency accounts. No new tax dollars are expected to be used.

Bids for painting and repairs to Town Hall were opened at our Board meeting. Blue Spruce Painters received the contract. Work will be completed this fall. This project is also funded from contingency accounts.

Contingency accounts, by the way, are funds that the Town sets aside every year, to saving up cash to pay for needed services. Last year, we used them to purchase trucks for the Highway Department.

Next year's budget will be challenging, what with the CSEA contract talks still up in the air, increases in retirement contributions, and impacts on services that result from changes (not usually in our favor) in the NY State budget. And then there are the items that the former Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, referred to as, "Unknown unknowns."

As always please contact me on any issues that you feel the Town should address. ❁

TC WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

Submitted by Dan Klein

Danby is looking for a volunteer to represent it to the Tompkins County Water Resources Council. The TCWRC is an advisory committee to the County Legislature. The Council advises on managing local water resources, supporting local governments in the implementation of relevant regulations and addressing water resource issues of importance to the community.

For more information, contact Dan Klein, [danbydan@hotmail.com] or 607.272.7582. ❁

TOWN HOURS

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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TOWN COURT:

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031
Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

DANBY NEIGHBORS

by Eric Banford

September? Where did the summer go? Well, if your garden has had as good a summer as ours, then you have lots of amazing vegetables ripening.

Not sure what to do with it all? There is a great local resource, called *IthaCan*, to learn all about canning, freezing, drying, fermenting and storing your vegetables. It can be found at [ithacan.ning.com/].

IthaCan holds various community events, including some in Danby, and also has wonderful online discussion boards on a wide variety of helpful topics. Come and join us!

Speaking of events in Danby, I talked to Krissy Faust, a gardener at Cornell's Plantations, about her *No Mow Lawns* presentation. She thought late winter would be the best time to bring it to Danby's Town Hall. So, look forward to a good talk in February or March.

Krissy has a test plot at the Mundy Wildflower Garden, where she is trying out various low maintenance grasses. She also collects seeds, which are free for the taking! Visit her some time, in the Plantation Services Building near the corner of Caldwell and Forest Home Roads, just south and west of the one lane bridge. It's a beautiful place to walk around!

If you have ideas for events, or would like help hosting an event, please let me know at 607.277.0183 or [brew_bird@yahoo.com].

HAPPENING AT THE DFC

Steak Dinner

Two seatings, 5:30pm and 6:30pm, on Saturday, September 18. Carry out will be available. The menu includes a Charcoal-grilled NY Strp Steak, Salad, Green Beans, Roasted Garlic Potatos, a Brownie Sundae, and a Beverage. Advanced Sales Only, \$12. See a church Member or call the church at 607.272.1687.

Women's Fellowship Fall Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 25, 10am-3pm. Annual fair featuring fresh homegrown produce, baked goods, Fall crafts and gifts, dried flower arrangements and decorations, jams, jellies, and candies, chicken BBQ, white elephant sale, and a silent auction to benefit the Danby Food Pantry. Contact Bonnie Rathbun, [brathbun@twcny.rr.com].

TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

Danby BZA Grants Oasis Request

It would be an understatement to say that Danby's Board of Zoning Appeals thoroughly examined the a request by the Oasis Dance Club for a variance/special permit. The request was to allow a one-time event to include outside amplified music. The BZA met three times on the matter and took several hours before allowing the request without any additional conditions.

The neighbors of the business, located at the corner of Comfort Road and NYS Rt.96B, were mostly opposed to the request. Their opposition, it appeared, was not so much to the specific event (an after-hours meet-and-greet social for the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce) as it was to any expansion of the permitted uses of the business.

The neighbors reported that the business (Oasis and its predecessors) has a history of ignoring neighborhood complaints. One after another, they related failed attempts to address dust, light, and noise going back many years. The problems raised by nearby residents predate the current owner of the business, Pam Kaminsky, who purchased it a year and a half ago. Conditions, said the neighbors, have not improved under her watch and the noise has gotten worse with the increased frequency of live music.

The BZA first heard the request on June 29, but adjourned to later dates, pending the result of negotiations between Kaminsky and her neighbors. Kaminsky has attempted to address the light pollution issue by redirecting pole lights and indicated that she would install shields to minimize off-site impacts. She spread calcium chloride to reduce the dust, and said she would be more aggressive in limiting the level of amplification, specifically targeting the bass end of the spectrum since low-frequency sound is the biggest part of the problem.

Both Kaminsky and the neighbors agreed that the best solution to the dust issue, given the short-acting effect of calcium chloride, would be an oil and stone surface for the parking area an access roadways. They also agreed that the best way to address the noise would be to add air conditioning so doors and windows could remain shut in warm weather. Unfortunately, the implementation of these solutions depends on the business prospering, since Kaminsky said she couldn't afford those measures. Several neighbors tempered their criticism with statements of support for the business,

saying that they would like to see it succeed, but as a better neighbor.

The applicant would have to come back to the BZA with a new request for variances for future events involving outside amplified music. The BZA made it clear that the decision about any future requests would be influenced by the track record of efforts to deal with the issues.

Town Board Meeting

Highway Superintendent Issue To Go Before Voters

A very modest crowd attended the public hearing held on August 9, about the proposal to go from an elected to an appointed Highway Superintendent; the number of those attending was dwarfed by the number of letters from Danby residents that were read into the hearing record.

The vast majority of letters supported the idea of putting the matter up for Town-wide referendum, and that is exactly what will happen under the local law passed by the Town Board during its meeting after the public hearing. Voters will decide—in November—whether or not they want the change.

Those in attendance at the hearing were mostly opposed to the idea; some accused the Board and the press of biased reporting. The Board responded with a plan to hold a public informational meeting on September 20 (at 6:30pm, in the West Danby Fire Hall). The September Board meeting had already been scheduled to be held in West Danby.

Some new information was added to the mix during the hearing. Gene Beavers said he knew of several qualified Danby residents who might be interested in the job (an elected official must reside in the Town, but this is not a requirement for appointment). Ric Dietrich agreed that he knows people in the Town who might be interested—but none that are willing to go through the electoral process.

In addition to the public information meeting, the Board decided to do a

special mailing to voters registered in Danby, setting forth the pros and cons of the change. Leslie Connors volunteered to write the first draft. Those speaking against the change at the meeting were invited to review the draft and suggest changes or additions to ensure that their perspective is adequately represented. The finished product will be mailed in early September so everyone has time to review the arguments in advance of the September 20 meeting. Up to \$1000 was authorized for the project, with the hope that it could be done for less.

Oasis Neighbors Petition for Relief

As many people attended the Board meeting to speak about the Oasis Dance Club as were there to comment on the Highway Superintendency issue, and the Board spent longer hearing and responding to them.

Immediate neighbors of Oasis alleged that there had been an outside amplified music event the previous week, as well as outside drinking. Both would be violations of the permits for the business. Sue Beeners, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer, said that she had been in contact with the Town's Attorney about the apparent violations and was weighing different response options. Supervisor Ric Dietrich said he would write the neighbors a letter, setting forth the outstanding issues as he understood them, to ensure a consensus on

the nature of the problem. Linda Bryan, one of the neighbors, asked for "proactive communication" from the Town, and it was promised.

Dogs to be Counted

Pamela Goddard reported on a verbal agreement with the Dryden dog control officer, to conduct a dog census in Danby during September and October. This provider is currently doing Newfield, and Goddard has heard good reports on the professionalism and efficiency of the work. An accurate count is important it is the basis for costs in the Town's contract for dog control with the SPCA.



Dylan Race, Bob Letterman Chase, Kathy Halton, Dan Klein, and Ric Dietrich present Sue Beeners with a beautifully lettered proclamation of appreciation for her many years and heroic efforts toward making the Danby Fun Day event happen. —photo by Ted Crane

DANBY AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Marv Eastman, Post Manager

The American Legion Post 221 would like to thank all that helped make our Block Party a Success. We raised over \$6000, and it was donated to the VFW Shuttle Van Service, South Hill Cemetery, and the Veterans Day Parade Committee.

We would Like to thank the following sponsors: Wings over Ithaca, Phoenix Auto, Sam Peter, B&W Supply, Royal Court Restaurant, Kilpatrick's, Don's Log & Chain, Ithaca Harley Davidson, Hilton Garden, Holiday Inn, Tioga Downs, Homewood Suites, Fingerlakes Beverage Center, Lowes, Home Depot, Seneca Beverage, John Ryan Inc, A.L. George, Lane's Automotive, Leonard Vacuum, The Boat Yard Grille, Mickey David's Barber Shop, Rogan's Corners, Gary's Barber Shop, Cobbler's Cottage, Lucatelli's Restaurant, Friendly's, Hair-A'Phayre, Ithaca Recreation Sports, Stella's Barn, Ithaca Agway, Quiznos Subs, Pudgies Pizza, Maxie's Supper Club, Hampton Inn, Country Inn and Suites, John Thomas Steakhouse, La Tourelle, Cornell Athletics/Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, Chanticleer, Tractor Supply Co., Cayuga Lumber, DaVinci's Restaurant, Welco Custom Trim, Early Bird Farms, Donna's Styling Salon, Joe's Restaurant, Mono's diner, Italian Carry Out, Ithaca Ice Co., Ramada Inn, Papa Johns Pizza, Tops, Wegman's, State Farm Insurance (David Mooney).

We would also like to recognize the following people for their effort in this event: Ted Merritt, Post Commander Dale Burgess, Virginia Freedman, Gloria Miller, Butch Miller, Dick Wilbur, Lynn Shields, Gene Corbitt, and all the other volunteers who worked to make the day a great success.

A dedication of the the new Flag Pole and Monument will be held on September 9, 2010, 10am in the South Hill Veterans Cemetery on Coddington Road. The dedication is open to all.

On September 18, 5-7pm, we will have a Pot-Luck Dinner at the Post, 1231 Danby Road. For details, call the post, 607.272.1129.

Looking for a place for a Wedding Reception, Birthday Party, or just a meeting room? Call the Legion. Our Facility can accomodate up to 100 people.

Fish Fries and Steak Dinners will resume in October. October 2, 5:30-7pm: Steak Dinner; October 23, 5:30-7pm: Corned Beef Dinner. ❀

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Danby Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Sept. 2, 6pm in the Danby Federated Church. A dish-to-pass dinner will follow a short business meeting. In October, meetings change to Noon for the winter months.

On August 5, thirty eight seniors enjoyed a good lunch at Esperanza Mansion on Keuka Lake, followed by a boat cruise on the Esperanza Rose. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day, even though it was raining as we boarded the bus in Danby.

Congratulations to Glenn and Jeanne Grossman, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary in August! ❀

WEATHERIZING OLDER WINDOWS

Submitted by Carole Fisher, Cornell Coop Extension

Energy loss through air leaks around windows can be significant. Learn simple methods to repair and weatherize older windows so you can save money on your energy bills and increase your comfort without the expense of replacement windows.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County will offer this popular workshop, *Weatherizing and Repairing Older Windows* on Thursday, September 30, 7-9pm in its Education Center at 615 Willow Avenue in Ithaca.

At the workshop, participants will learn how to replace worn parting-bead to tighten up a window; how to repair sash cords on double-hung windows with weights; how to re-glaze a window; and about energy efficient treatments to add to older windows. The class is free, but call CCE, 607.272.2292 to register. ❀

MORE FOXES IN WEST DANBY

Eileen, of Van Buskirk Road, has reported a lost cat along with more fox sightings. She also reports an additional four lost cats from the Tupper Road area.

At the beginning of August, there was another fox sighting in the vicinity. The fox was not clearly visible, and its was odd size, color, and shape suggest that it might have been a bobcat.

This report, coupled with previous information from this vicinity, suggests that owners should keep smaller pets indoors. ❀



— Photo by Ted Crane

Heart of the Finger Lakes

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

The Community Read for 2010 is *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick. We have multiple copies for circulation thanks to Tompkins County Public Library. The movie *Blade Runner* is loosely based on this classic and we're working on having a copy of that available, too.

Our circulation period is one month so you can really enjoy a book. DVDs tend to get watched more quickly. If you borrow a DVD and are finished with it, please try to bring it right back so others can have access to it. Some of our new ones are in demand and we haven't seen them in a while.

Don't forget to check out our "Take one, Leave One or 50 Cents" basket on the desk! We have books, paperbacks, and sometimes a puzzle or other library item. It's an exchange or 50 cents to our petty cash fund. It's a small operation.

Again, we thank all of our volunteers, welcome new ones, and still remember our former volunteers. If you worked at the Danby Library and still have a volunteer handbook kicking around, please drop it off on our library desk any time Town Hall is open. We are in the process of updating it.

Remember, the Autumn Equinox is not until September 23, so there's still plenty of time to complete all of your summer plans, including reading those books! ❁

DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle

I went out to watch for meteor showers in the night sky on August 13. I only saw one shooting star. It was awesome. We really are just a tiny, tiny part of this great big universe, aren't we?

Please send me your stories for the Danby Town Talk column, which runs each Thursday in the Ithaca Journal. Maybe a vacation story, or a recommendation for a great book you read this summer, or information on an upcoming special event, or perhaps you have some Danby history to share. Stories, along with pictures if you would like to, can be sent to [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or 607.273.6530. Thank you. ❁

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Submitted by Sheila Enstine

The Military Family Support Group provides emotional and practical support to military families in our area. If you have a loved one currently serving in the military, or if you have served and would like to share your insights and experiences, please join us at our next meeting on September 9.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Danby Federated Church. Meetings begin with a dish-to-pass meal at 6:30pm. Occasional guest speakers provide information to help us better support our service members. For more info, call me at 607.220.9664. ❁

Danby Community Council Scholarship Application

The Danby Community Council provides scholarships to youth who are Danby residents and need financial support to attend special camps/programs (sports, computer, art, dance, music, etc.). Funds are limited, so please apply quickly.

Youth's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Name of camp/program _____ Program Dates: _____

Address of camp/program _____

Camp/Program Contact Info: _____ Total Cost: _____

Is the youth currently eligible for a free or reduced cost lunch program? _____

I verify that the information provided on this application is accurate.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Please send the application, with proof of enrollment in program and (if applicable) payment of deposit, to:

Danby Community Council
c/o June Pollack
43 Hornbrook Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

Questions? Call 273.4744 or
Email [dpollack6@twcny.rr.com]

Community Council Youth Programs Fall 2010

Greetings.

This month, instead of a detailed article on upcoming articles, I have to offer you a farewell and a brief glimpse into the future.

After about two years happily working in the Danby community as the Youth Program Manager, I am leaving the position to return to school. I will begin working on a Masters in Social Work starting in late August of this year. It was wonderful getting to know you and I enjoyed exploring your community in a variety of ways. Last month's picture of youth planting trees in Dotson Park is an example of one local experience I had the pleasure of being a part of.

Programs for the fall, including Primitive Pursuits, will be continuing. If you are interested in getting more information, contact Linda Schoffel at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 607.272.2292 or [ljs48@cornell.edu]. Please do not contact Linda until early September, because the program requires transition and organization time.

Thanks! — Laura Smith



GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATIONS

Submitted by LoriAnne Robbins

Newfield Girl Scout registration the 2010-2011 school year is happening on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at Newfield Elementary Open House and also on Wednesday, September 15, 6:30-8pm in the Newfield Elementary School Cafeteria.

For more info, contact Lori Robbins, 607.564.7031 or [lorianne3666@aol.com], or Janis Werner, 607.564.3639 or [janis.werner98@gmail.com].

Danby Youth Flyer

After School Programs require pre-registration and are open for youth living in Danby. Contact Linda Schoffel, Danby Youth Program Manager, with any questions, concerns or requests for a form: 607.272.2292.x225 or [ljs48@cornell.edu].

Adoptive/Foster Parenting Meeting Notice

Foster Homes or Respite Homes Needed! Tompkins County DSS announces a new initiative to make a positive difference in the lives of children. Become a respite parent-you could be qualified to provide short-term care for children in your home. If you relate well with teens, this may be an opportunity for you.

Informational meetings for those interested in caring for children and teens in their home by providing respite, foster care, or adoption are held each month in the Human Services Building, 320 West State Street, Ithaca. The next Meeting will be held on September 9 at Noon. Please come or call Judy Voorheis at 607.274.5266 for more information.



Danby Youth: Sandra Stromswold, Jade Tabony, Tirin Fowler, Frank Turecek, Smilin' Jaffre Aether, and Samuel Stromswold display fresh, local produce for sale at the Danby Farmer's Market. The Market is open every Thursday, 5-7pm, near the Danby Fire Department.

— photo by Ted Crane



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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Aug 28 • Sat

Noon 🏠 WD Hatch Pavilion
West Danby Community Association Picnic
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Property Management for Wildlife

Aug 29 • Sun

4pm 🏠 Jennings Pond
Bald Hill Road Pie Baking Contest and BBQ

Sep 2 • Thu

6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Danby Seniors' Meeting
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting

Sep 8 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall—**Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**

Sep 12 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Concert: Marimba Recital by Gordon Stout

Sep 13 • Mon

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting

Sep 14 • Tue

7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting

Sep 15 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting

Sep 18 • Sat

11am 🏠 Town Hall
Danby History Group Meeting
5pm 🏠 American Legion Hall
Potluck Dinner
5:30pm and 6:30pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Steak Dinner—sign up in advance; take out available

Sep 20 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 WD Fire Hall—**Info Session: Hwy Sup't**
7pm 🏠 WD Fire Hall—**Town Board Regular Meeting**

Sep 21 • Tue

7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Meeting

Sep 22 • Wed

7pm 🏠 Town Hall—**Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**
Todd Miller: Understanding Danby's Water

Sep 25 • Sat

10am-3pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Fall Harvest Festival; benefit for Danby Food Pantry

Jul 9, 2011 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Council 🏠 Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7pm

Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,
and when the **Open** sign is out!

Danby Community Library Volunteer Mtg 🏠 Town Hall
1st Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

Danby Fire Company 🏠 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.

Danby Community Park Association 🏠 Town Hall
2nd and 4th Thursday, 7pm.

Danby Food Pantry 🏠 Federated Church
3rd Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

Military Family Support Group 🏠 Federated Church
2nd Thursday, 6:30pm.

Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Federated Church
Mondays, 9am.

Danby Quilters Group 📞 273.2950
Fridays, 9–11am.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

🏠 Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 Danby Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road